

successfully launched on Thursday, one week ago to-day.

The "two hundred and forty-sixth day of the siege" is chronicled as the quietest that the city has known for a long time. Not a shell was thrown at the town, and not a gun was fired at any of the hostile batteries which bristle around the entrance of the harbor.

#### VARIOUS ITEMS.

The Richmond papers of March 10th announce the presence of a Yankee gun-boat and two transports, on York River, near West Point, and state that the object of their visit has not yet been ascertained.

The Fayetteville Observer says that seven Yankee deserters, sent to work on the mines near that place, re-deserted on the night of their arrival, and that five of them have been recaptured.

The Richmond Sentinel alludes to Col. Dahlgren as having "lately died the death of a soldier, with the disgrace of a felon."

The same paper denounces the negligence which allowed the capture at Smithville, near the mouth of Cape Fear river, of Capt. Kelley, Chief of Engineers to Gen. Hebert, by a boat load of Yankees, who slipped up past the forts.

#### REPORTED CAPTURE OF THE OUTER DEFENCES OF MOBILE.

Eight deserters arrived at Folly Island, last Saturday, and reported that Admiral Farragut had captured Fort Powell, below Mobile, with a garrison of over one thousand men. At last accounts from Northern sources, Farragut was attacking that work, with a good prospect of capturing it, and the expectation of soon reducing several forts above it.

#### LATEST NORTHERN NEWS.

Our New York and New England letters arrived too late for publication in full. We condense the important news.

Kilpatrick's raid was successful in all respects except so far as the possible capture of Richmond may have been anticipated. His columns penetrated to within two and one-half miles of Richmond, when, the enemy having made formidable preparations for defence, they withdrew with small loss. Great quantities of military stores were destroyed, with bridges, telegraph wires, &c. Col. Dahlgren, a son of the Admiral, and who lost a leg at Gettysburgh, led a detached column, and in some severe fighting in King and Queen county was killed. A portion of his command was captured. His body, according to rebel admissions, was treated with great indignity, the fingers were cut off for the sake of the rings, and after being dragged and kicked about naked, it was buried without shroud or coffin.

Lieut.-Gen. Grant is visiting the Army of the Potomac.

Gen. Sherman's Expedition was very successful.

The Chesapeake pirates have been released on technical grounds.

The New Hampshire election resulted in the re-election of Gov. Gilmore, Republican, by nearly 5,000 majority.

**GENERAL GORDON'S TRIAL BY COURT-MARTIAL.**—A special Court-Martial convened at this Post on Monday, for the trial of Brigadier-General George P. Gordon, on the charges of "disobedience of orders," and "disrespect to his commanding officer." The detail for the Court is as follows; Brig.-Gen. Rufus Saxton, President; Brig.-Gen. Alfred H. Terry, Brig.-Gen. Israel Vogdes, Brig.-Gen. R. S. Foster, Col. Alford, 3d New York Volunteers, Lt.-Col. M. R. Morgan, Lt.-Col. H. R. Jackson and Major Henshaw, Judge Advocate. A large number

of witnesses is to be examined, and the case promises to be one of unusual interest. Gen. Gordon appears as his own counsel.

#### EXTENSION OF THE TIME FOR PAYMENT OF BOUNTIES.

General Gillmore has received the following Circular Telegram from the War Department, and has published it for the benefit of the troops in this Department:

"Commanding General, Department of the South, Hilton Head, S. C.: Congress has extended time for payment of the bounties, heretofore authorized, to first of April next.

"Re-enlisted Veterans will receive them accordingly, to that date. T. M. VINCENT, A. A. G."

**EXPEDITION TO BULL'S BAY.**—A small force from Gen. Terry's command sailed from Stono Inlet a week ago yesterday, for the purpose of making a reconnoissance of Bull's Bay. This harbor was the destination originally chosen for the Dupont-Sherman expedition, and is about twenty-five miles north of Charleston. The expedition of last week, comprising a dozen vessels, from both branches of the service, entered the Bay and landed without opposition from the few pickets in that vicinity. After remaining for twenty-four hours, sending out several reconnoitering parties, and accomplishing the object of their mission, the force returned.

**COMMODORE ROWAN.**—The promotion and confirmation by the Senate of the gallant Captain Rowan, of the New Ironsides, to the rank of Commodore, is only a tardy recognition of his distinguished services as an officer in our Navy. Since the beginning of this war he has doubly earned the honor, to which his previous years of service alone entitled him. Upon the Potomac, when that river was vigilantly blockaded by the enemy—at Roanoke Island, where his dash and energy

won all the reputation which Captain Stringham gained—and especially before Charleston, where he now commands, he has always borne the part of a true patriot, a brave officer and a Christian gentleman. May he long remain at the head of the South Atlantic Squadron!

#### ACCIDENT AT THE ORDNANCE YARD.

While a party of workmen were engaged in withdrawing the powder from a 12-lb. spherical case shot, at the Ordnance Yard, last Thursday, the shell exploded, and three men were injured. Their names were as follows: J. H. Martus, ordnance sergeant, U. S. Army, severely wounded in left hand and leg; Robert Williamson, lately of Hamilton's Battery, seriously in left arm and side; and Con. Daily, laborer, slightly wounded. Two or three others were knocked over, but were not much hurt. That no one amid the crowd of workmen and bystanders was killed, may be considered wonderful.

#### SUSPENSION OF LABOR AT FORT CLINCH.

Owing to the non-appropriation of the requisite funds by Congress, work has been suspended upon Fort Clinch, at Fernandina, Fla. Capt. A. F. Sears, who for the past year has had the direction of the work, has received orders to "close up the concern." His laborers, of whom there were a large number, have reached this post and entered the service of the Quartermaster.

#### IMPORTANT TO COLORED TROOPS.

The bill equalizing the pay of soldiers in the U. S. Army, giving to colored troops the same pay and allowances that white soldiers receive, passed the Senate on Thursday last, by a vote of 31 to 6.

Col. M. S. Littlefield, Supt. of the Recruiting Service for Colored Troops, is now here, with money to pay bounties.

General Orders, No. 34, in our advertising columns, prescribes the terms of enrollment, and it will be seen that able-bodied colored men who do not volunteer and take the bounties are to be drafted.

**DRAMATIC.**—The Union Theater was opened on Monday evening, by the Barton Dramatic Association, composed of enlisted men in the 48th N. Y. regiment. The initial performance, all things considered, was a great success. The Association have incurred much expense, and have been most indefatigable in their labors, to fit up a convenient and commodious theater building; and we are happy to state that their first entertainment was patronized by a large, remunerative and appreciative audience. The building itself is a wonder, with its large auditorium, elegant boxes, capacious stage, beautiful proscenium, varied scenery and extensive properties. Mr. C. L. Harrison, Scenic Artist and Costumer, and Mr. A. J. De Haven, Property Man, deserve much credit for energy and skill in their departments. All the arrangements are admirable, from the ventilating contrivances to the touches on the scenic canvas which heighten the effect of any theatrical representation. It would be unfair to criticize the evening's performance, with first-class theatricals in large cities as a standard, but we can say with truth that we have seen professional actors do far worse with much better facilities, and never saw mere amateurs, under such unfavorable circumstances, do so well. Much of the success is doubtless due to the experience of Mr. James White, the Stage Manager, who has the advantage of a familiarity with the profession, and manages the stage business exceedingly well. The performance on Monday night was introduced by an impromptu but ap-

Mr. White, who welcomed the audience, promised the company's best efforts to entertain, returned thanks to several officers, prominent in their aid to the enterprise, and detailed some of the circumstances of the undertaking, in a style not at all staid, nor embarrassed, nor affected. After Gen. Gillmore's Grand March, by an efficient orchestra, under the direction of Mr. Henry Murphy, Robert Macaire and The Spectre Bridegroom were produced in a satisfactory manner, with a good cast, with an amusing song, and a splendid tableau, most creditable to the Scenic Artist and Property Man. Gen. Vogdes, Gen. Terry and Gen. Foster were present, and headquarters was represented by the most of Gen. Gillmore's staff. The performance announced for last evening was postponed till to-night. The bills for Friday, Saturday and Monday evenings are published in our advertising columns.

**SERENADES.**—The Post Band, under the leadership of Mr. Murphy, paid Gen. Terry the honor of a serenade at the Port Royal House on Thursday evening. It was the most fitting compliment the band could offer the General, to whom it is indebted for its existence, and for such tutelage, during its single year's practice, as has made it one of the finest musical organizations in the army. Col. Howell and Lt.-Col. Fuller were also the recipients of similar honors.

**SWORD PRESENTATION.**—On Saturday, the 12th instant, Capt. John J. Baird, commanding a detachment of the 76th Pennsylvania Volunteers on Jenkins Island, was made the recipient of a magnificent sword, sash and belt, from the members of his company, "G." Sergeant George Wynn made the presentation, and Capt. Baird, though deeply

moved, responded in a manner suitable to the occasion. The sword, which was furnished by Tiffany, & Co., New York is very rich and costly, the hilt and mountings on the scabbard being of heavy and richly carved silver, and the sword knot and tassel of fine gold lace and bullion.

**CHANGE IN THE ORDNANCE YARD.**—Where Hamilton's Battery was formerly encamped—where the pioneer theater of Hilton Head was located a year ago—a new ordnance yard is soon to be established. The buildings pertaining to the old one on the beach, are, we understand, to be removed, and the site to be occupied by handsome edifices as officers' quarters.

**PROMOTIONS FROM MARCH 9 TO MARCH 15, 1864.**—Q. M. Sergt. Wm. H. H. Andrews, 11th Maine Vols., to be 1st Lieut. in same regt.; 1st Sergt. Levi L. Marsh, 97th Penn. Vols., to be 2d Lieut. in same regt.; 1st Sergt. George W. Duffy, 97th Penn. Vols., to be 2d Lieut. in same regt.; Private W. W. Babbit, 100th N. Y. Vols., to be 2d Lieut. in same regt.

**RESIGNATIONS SINCE MARCH 8TH.**—1st Lt. E. P. White, 1st S. C. Vols.; 2d Lt. J. W. Crawford, 85th Penn. Vols.; Assistant Surgeon L. Krause, 54th N. Y. Vols.; 1st Lt. W. P. Barndollar, 76th Penn. Vols.; 2d Lt. C. A. Hinkley, 7th U. S. C. Troops; 1st Lt. W. Hartley, 2d S. C. Vols.; 1st Lt. W. L. Horton, 24th Mass. Vols.; Capt. J. E. Domschk, 103d N. Y. Vols.

#### PORT ROYAL SHIP NEWS.

**ARRIVALS.**—March 8, schr Snow Squall, Shepherd, Bath, Me.; Lizzie Manl, Frambes, Phila.; E. L. Coudery, Grace, do.; P. Bruce Sampson, do.; 10th John C. Baxter, Stetson, do.; Lady Ellen, Godfrey, do.; steamship Daniel Webster, Sherman, N. Y.; 11th, schr Ann E. Glover, Harman, Jacksonville; bark Abner, Swan, N. Y.; 12th, schr P. Robinson, Ellis, do.; Richard M. Dem-ill, Hendrickson, do.; 13th, str D. H. Mattart, Pickney, do.; schr Greenland, Evans, Phila.; brig Samuel G. Adams, Holland, do.; schr Sarah B. James, Hall, N. Y.; 14th, schr J. D. McCarthy, Young, Phila.; schr James A. Parsons, Shaw, do.; str Louisa Moore, Winters, N. Y.; schr L. & M. Reed, Reed, Phila.; schr Althea, Godfrey, N. Y.; schr Eva Bell, Jeffers, do.; 16th, steamship Arago, Gadsden, do.; steamship Prometheus, Bates, do.; schr John Amack, Pearce, do.

**CLEARANCES.**—March 9th, brig John Freeman; bark Geo. W. Hall, Godfrey, do.; brig Lincoln Webb, Lloyd, do.; steamship Fulton, Wotton, do.; steamship United States, Gates, do.; 11th, schr Anna E. Glover, Harman, do.; schr John C. Horner, Griffin, Phila.; 12th, schr Marietta Steelman, Steelman, do.; schr Abigail Haley, Robbins, do.; schr Robert Caldwell, Hudson, N. Y.; schr Frances Satterly, Alden, N. Y.; stmr Daniel Webster, Sherman, do.; schr S. H. Paul, McFadden, Phila.; schr Jane C. Patterson, Weaver, do.; stmr Neva, Hardy, New Orleans; schr Wm G. Bartlett, Cowley, Phila.; schr Olive Hayward, Barbour, Jacksonville; sloop Una, Gardner, do.; 14th, brig Mary E. Thompson, Lampher, New York; schr Elijah Shelden, White, do.; bark Alexander McNeil, Small, Phila.; brig Concord, Smith, do.; schr Jane N. Baker, Wilson, St. Simons; 15th, brig Dudley, Carter, Phila.; U. S. bark Voligueir, Conway, New York; schr J. W. Vannams, Reeves, Phila.; schr Robbie W. Dillon, Loudon, do.; stmr Louisa Moore, Winters, Stono, S. C.; 16th, brig Belle of the Bay, Noyes, New York; brig Karnak, Kissam, do.; schr Kate, Trefethe, Jacksonville.

**A TREAT FOR READERS.—PER ARAGO,** a large assortment of the **NEWEST AND BEST NOVELS** has come to **STIMSON'S**, in the Express building, Union Square.

**UNION THEATER, HILTON HEAD, S. C.** MONDAY EVENING, MARCH 21ST, **THREE NEW PIECES:**

**NORAH CREINA,** POST OF HONOR, AND **STATE SECRETS.** Doors open at 6:30; Performance commences at 7.

**SEE A. L. STIMSON'S ADVERTISEMENTS** on Fourth Page.

**CONDEMNED STEAMER FOR SALE.—WILL** be sold at

**PUBLIC AUCTION,** To the highest bidder, at 12 o'clock, noon, on **MONDAY, the 16th day of MAY, 1864,** the **U. S. STEAMER DARLINGTON,** With the Boilers and Machinery, as she now lays at this place. Sale to take place at the steamer. Terms Cash. Delivery immediately. **JNO. H. MOORE, Capt. and A. Q. M.** Asst. Qr. Mr. Office, Beaufort, S. C., March 15th, 1864.

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